

NEWSLETTER - February 2024

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Welcome to the February edition of our EMPL Newsletter, where we bring you the latest information about the ongoing and upcoming activities of the Committee. The year 2024 has been off to a good start with the presentation of the Belgian Presidency programme at our January Committee meeting and the upcoming presentation of Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, Frank Vandenbroucke, at our meeting on 14 February. The coming months will be crucial to conclude major dossiers in the employment and social affairs areas. To get the latest news about the

Committee follow us on [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter)!

Dragoș Pișlaru,
Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Selected News

European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social priorities for 2024

The European Semester is the European Union's framework for coordination and surveillance of economic and social policies. It is one of the most important tools in the governance system, as it directly influences the implementation of the EU's fiscal rules and other policies. Until 2022, the European Parliament's involvement in the Semester (via the EMPL and ECON Committees) consisted of two sets of annual Own-Initiative Reports. In 2022, EMPL and ECON decided to draw one report each in parallel with a view to their adoption in plenary in March, before the Spring European Council. This was to allow for a more substantial input of the European Parliament and to increase the weight of its resolutions in the Semester Cycle, while better promoting the Committees' views on the EU's social and employment priorities.



The Committee will vote on its report, with Dragoș Pișlaru acting as Rapporteur, on 14 February. In the larger context of the review of the EU's economic governance framework, including its fiscal rules, the report focuses on the modernisation of labour markets, of welfare systems and on good quality jobs in the green and digital transitions.

Rapporteur: [Dragoș Pișlaru](#) (Renew, RO)

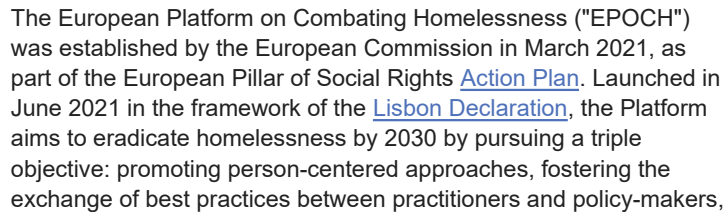
Link to [draft report](#) and [amendments](#) tabled in the Committee

Link to [procedure file](#)

[The European Semester explained](#)

Wednesday, 14 February | from 10h30 | Room: ANTALL 4Q2

A European Platform to combat homelessness - Exchange of views with Yves Leterme (Chair of the Steering Board of the European Platform on Combating Homelessness)



Wednesday, 14 February | From 11h00 to 12h00 | Room: ANTALL 4Q2

**Wednesday, 14 February | From 17h15 |
Room: ANTALL 402**

Revision of European Works Council Directive

Presentation of the Commission's revised Directive

- Link to [Commission Proposal](#)
- Rapporteur: [Dennis Radtke](#) (EPP, DE)

Wednesday 14 February 2024 | From 15h15 to 16h15 | Room: ANTALL 4Q2

Regulation of European Parliament and Council establishing an EU Talent Pool

Exchange of views on the Commission's proposal

- Link to [Commission proposal](#)
- Rapporteur for opinion: [Marianne Vind](#) (S&D, DK)

Wednesday, 14 February 2024 | From 16h15 to 17h15 | Room: ANTALL 4Q2

Link to the [EMPL webstreaming session](#):
14 February 2024 from 9h00 to 13h00 and 15h15 to 18h30

Votes scheduled on 14 February

- **"Coordination of social security systems"**

Rapporteur: [Gabriele Bischoff](#) (S&D, DE)

Link to [procedure file](#)

- **"European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social priorities for 2024"**

Rapporteur: [Dragoş Pîslaru](#) (Renew, RO)

Link to [draft report](#) and [amendments](#) tabled in the Committee

Link to [procedure file](#)

- **"European labour market statistics on businesses"**

Rapporteur for Committee responsible: ECON [Irene Tinagli](#) (S&D, IT)

Link to [draft report](#) and [amendments](#) tabled in the Committee

Rapporteur of Committee for opinion: EMPL [Milan Brglez](#) (S&D, SI)

Link to [EMPL draft opinion](#) and [EMPL Amendments](#)

Link to [procedure file](#)

Voting lists and compromise amendments of the votes are published on the [EMPL e-meeting website](#) ahead of the vote.



Votes in future joint meetings

Joint Committee meeting EMPL/FEMM: Vote on "Council decision inviting Member States to ratify the Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) of the International Labour Organization"

- Co-rapporteurs for the consent procedure (EMPL/FEMM): [Kira Marie Peter-Hansen](#) (Greens/EFA, DK) and [Cindy Franssen](#) (EPP, BE)
- Link to [procedure file](#)
- Link to [ILO Convention No. 190](#)

Thursday, 15 February 2024 | From 9h to 9h30 | Room: ANTALL 4Q2

News from the agencies

Eurofound

A new report on self-employment in the EU

Eurofound published on 30 January 2024 the main results of a large [research report](#) on the status of self-employment in the European Union during and after the Covid pandemic. Amongst its findings the report highlights that dependent self-employed face similar situations as employees with little autonomy over how and when they do their job. The report also stresses that economically dependent self-employed persons were twice as likely as employees to face in-work poverty during Covid-19, as a substantial part of the self-employed worked in unstable sectors of activity. Relatedly, dependent self-employed persons experience more difficulties in accessing social protection, thus leading to increased pressure on mental health, well-being and lower life-satisfaction.



Cedefop

Roadmapping the skills revolution

Cedefop will organise on 11 March 2024 a [virtual get-together](#) with stakeholders and users of skills intelligence to present its new [skills intelligence tool](#). This new tool brings together in one single platform Cedefop's monitoring of skills anticipation in EU Member States, a consolidated presentation of skills intelligence indicators, a new collection of data insights for occupations and new thematic dashboards which look at trends in employment and skills from multiple angles.



European Training Foundation



Countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe reforming Lifelong Learning Systems

The European Training Foundation will organise a hybrid [conference](#) on "The way towards EU Integration: countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe reforming Lifelong Learning Systems" in Brussels on 13 March 2024. Organised in partnership with the German Adult Education Association (DVV international) and the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) under the Belgian Presidency of the Council, the conference will offer stakeholders,

representatives of national governments, EU institutions and civil society organisations a high-level platform to discuss the state of play, opportunities and current challenges in the area of adult education.

EU-OSHA

International Festival of Occupational Safety and Health: 2024, third edition



[The Rubes Trivia Foundation](#) in cooperation with Urbino University and INAI, [EU-OSHA Italian focal point](#), will organise the third edition of the International Festival of Occupational Safety and Health in Pesaro, Italy, from 12 to 14 June 2024. This event, which will gather representatives of EU institutions, agencies and national governments, academics and practitioners, will be the opportunity to take stock of the current legislation of EU Member States in OSH areas and provide a platform for recommendations on improving the well-being of workers, in line with the principles set forth in the [Urbino Charter](#) presented in March 2023. The Festival wants to stimulate a comprehensive reflection on and around the meaning of work as a "sphere of expression, realization, integration, and inclusion of the person and, equally, on the protection of its dignity" (see draft [Programme](#)).

European Labour Authority

A Capacity Building Strategy for 2024-2030

The European Labour Authority has unveiled its [Capacity Building Strategy for 2024-2030](#) to support Member States in the implementation of EU labour mobility law. This strategic plan will reinforce the organisational competences of national authorities by providing them with better cooperation tools for a more efficient handling of cross-boarder issues in labour mobility, in particular undeclared work. The new consolidated strategy includes a 7-year multi-annual plan and annual plans for capacity building activities. Its main objective will be to strengthen the knowledgeability of national administrations dealing with the application and enforcement of EU labour mobility law, to ensure that national authorities have a common understanding of the rules governing labour mobility and the competences required to deal with trends in labour mobility. The Capacity Building Strategy includes dedicated trainings, workshops, toolkits, mutual learning programmes, study visits and best practices exchange events.



Other event of interest

Algorithmic management practices in regular workplaces: Joint ILO and JRC event

The digitalisation of the world of work is profoundly changing the way we think about and organise the workplace. Its impact on working conditions and industrial relations is already tangible. While digital workplaces can offer gains of productivity at all levels of the supply chain, it can also generate risks of social backsliding threatening workers' right to quality jobs and decent working conditions. To reflect on the opportunities and challenges of digitalisation in the workplace, the ILO and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission will launch their report on "Algorithmic management practices in regular workplaces" on 23 February as part of an in-person event, in Brussels. The study highlights the prevalence of algorithmic management in the logistics and healthcare sector and studies the impact of digitalisation from the organisation of work to industrial relations.



Link to [event and registration](#)

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